

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

In 2005, it isn't necessary to pay for some people's access to phone service by picking the pockets of others. We are not a socialist country. Those who use should pay. The taxes and fees on my phone bill already represent about half the total basic charge!

I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. As a senior with a seriously ill spouse, I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair as well as increased taxation without Congressional approval.

I use my wireless phone primarily for emergencies when I am away from home and my spouse is with a caregiver. I don't want to pay more so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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